

In the claims:

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In the first line of each of claims 12 and 13, delete "38" and substitute --39-- therefor.

In the first line of claim 15, delete "14" and substitute --37-- therefor.

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice.

In the first line of each of claim 22, 23 and 24, delete "38" and substitute --50-- therefor.

In claim 30, in the first and second lines, delete "comprising a plurality of" and insert --oligomer comprising a plurality of covalently linked-- therefor.

In claim 32, in the second line, delete "R¹³ is a conjugate" and substitute therefor --a is 1--.

In claim 47, in the first and second lines, delete "comprising a plurality of" and insert --oligomer comprising a plurality of covalently linked-- therefor.

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In claim 48, in the first and second lines, delete "comprising a plurality of" and insert --oligomer comprising a plurality of covalently linked-- therefor.

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In claim 49, in the first and second lines, delete "comprising a plurality of" and insert --oligomer comprising a plurality of covalently linked-- therefor.

Remarks

After entry of the proposed amendment, claims 1, 5, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 20, 22-24, 30-33, 37 and 39-50 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 39, 41, 44 and 46 are allowed.

~~Claims 12, 13, 15, 22-24, 30-33 and 47-49 are rejected~~
under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged